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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 7
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 7 opens set gillnetting in the Kasilof Section of the Upper Subdistrict on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

Drift gillnetting will be open in the Kasilof Section (not the expanded Kasilof Section) of the Upper Subdistrict on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

After reviewing the most current catch and escapement data, Department staff completed a total run projection for Kasilof River sockeye salmon. This analysis, combined with offshore test fish data, indicates there is a harvestable surplus of Kasilof River sockeye salmon. The Kasilof River cumulative sockeye salmon passage estimate through midnight on July 2, 2012 is 67,094 fish and is projected to be within the optimum escapement goal (OEG) range. As stated previously, the set gillnet fishery will be managed with the primary objective of meeting in the Kasilof River OEG, enumerated with sonar, of 160,000-390,000 sockeye salmon.